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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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On Saturday, November 17, 2007, thousands of men, women and children will participate in an historic event called HomeWalk to prevent and end homelessness in Los Angeles County. Organized by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, in partnership with the Fannie Mae Foundation's Help the Homeless Initiative, the walk will raise awareness and resources to combat one of the greatest tragedies affecting Los Angeles County in the 21st century. HomeWalk is one part of *A Pathway Home*, United Way's initiative to prevent and end homelessness in Los Angeles County.

In recognition of this effort, the County and City of Los Angeles, and several community partners, are sponsoring HomeWalk.

Over the course of the year, a little more than 221,000 individuals are homeless in LA County, nearly 90,000 on any given night, and there are 21,600 people in families who are homeless every night in LA County. HomeWalk will serve as a very important part of the collaborative effort required to address this endemic problem. HomeWalk will serve to help build a stronger system of care by increasing resources to homeless agencies and helping them link services with permanent housing.

HomeWalk will take place on November 17, 2007, at Exposition Park, 700 Exposition Park Drive in Los Angeles; registration will begin at 7:00 AM and the walk will

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begin at 9:00 AM. Walkers and volunteers are the key to making this first annual event a huge success and it is the responsibility of every citizen of the great County of Los Angeles to step up and help end homelessness.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Request that County departments encourage their staffs to register, individually or as teams, to participate as HomeWalk walkers; and,
2. Request that County departments encourage their staffs to register as volunteers for the day to assist with checking in participants, providing encouragement at water stops, clean up after the event, etc.

(For more information regarding the event, and to pre-register as a walker or volunteer, go to the United Way of Greater Los Angeles website at: [unitedwayla.org](http://unitedwayla.org).)